IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method for selecting classes using a browser for use by a virtual machine in a data processing system, the method comprising:

providing through the browser, an interface in which the interface allows for selection of classes for use by the virtual machine;

receiving a selection of classes through the interface; [[and]]

storing the selection of classes, wherein the selection of classes is used by the browser when initializing the virtual machine; and

using the selection of the classes to initialize the virtual machine.

- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the interface is a graphical user interface.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the virtual machine is a Java virtual machine.
- (Canceled)
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of storing the selection of classes comprises storing the selection of classes in a user profile.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the selection of classes is a class path.
- 7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the selection of classes causes a class path to be appended to a system class path.
- 8. (Original) A method for selecting classes for use by a Java virtual machine associated with a browser, the method comprising:

displaying a graphical user interface in which a classpath may be selected to define classes for use with the Java virtual machine;

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receiving a selection of the classpath from the graphical user interface; storing the selection of the classpath; and initializing the Java virtual machine using the selection of the class path.

- 9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the selection of the classpath appends the classpath to a system classpath.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the system class path has an end and wherein the classpath is appended to the end of the system classpath.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the system classpath has a beginning and wherein the classpath is appended to a beginning of the system classpath.
- 12. (Currently amended) A data processing system for selecting classes using a browser for use by a virtual machine in the data processing system, the data processing system comprising:

providing means for providing through the browser an interface in which the interface allows for selection of classes for use by the virtual machine;

receiving means for receiving a selection of classes through the interface; [[and]] storing means for storing the selection of classes, wherein the selection of classes is used by the browser when initializing the virtual machine; and

means for using the selection of the classes to initialize the virtual machine.

- 13. (Original) The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the interface is a graphical user interface.
- 14. (Original) The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the virtual machine is a Java virtual machine.
- 15. (Canceled)

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- 16. (Original) The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the step of storing the sclection of classes comprises storing the selection of classes in a user profile.
- 17. (Original) The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the selection of classes is a classpath.
- 18. (Currently amended) The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the selection of classes causes a classpath to be appended to a system class path.
- 19. (Original) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for selecting classes for use by a Java virtual machine associated with a browser, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions for displaying a graphical user interface in which a classpath may be selected to define classes for use with the Java virtual machine;

second instructions for receiving a selection of the classpath from the graphical user interface;

third instructions for storing the selection of the classpath; and fourth instructions for initializing the Java virtual machine using the selection of the classpath.

20. (Currently amended) A method for selecting a class for use by a virtual machine in a data processing system, the method comprising:

providing through a browser, an interface in which the interface allows for selection of a class location for use by the virtual machine;

receiving a selection of a class location through the interface; [[and]]

storing the class location, wherein the class location is used by the browser to load a class when initializing the virtual machine; and

using the selection of the class to initialize the virtual machine.

21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the class location is a class path.

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22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the class location is stored in a user profile data structure.

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